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Text of Brzezinski's Report to Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 — Following is the text of the report to the Senate Judiciary subcommittee by Zbigniew Brzezinski, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

[III] Telephone Call to Billy Carter in March 1980

In March 1980, Stansfield Turner, the Director of Central Intelligence, drew my attention to a brief intelligence report which bore on Billy Carter's commercial dealings with an oil company and Libyan efforts to exploit them. A copy of this classified report has been furnished to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. I must withhold further details in this statement in order to protect intelligence sources and methods.

Recognizing that Billy Carter might be involved in activities that were potentially embarrassing to this country and to the President, I decided to phone him. I did so on the afternoon of the day on which I read the report. (We have not been able to locate in the logs the precise time of this call, though I remember it was in the afternoon.) In my conversation with Billy Carter, I said to him substantially the following: As you probably know, in the nature of my job a great deal of information flows across my desk. I have recently seen some information which seems to suggest that you are engaged in an oil deal, and that you are seeking an increased allocation from Libya for a U.S. oil company. This could be exploited politically by the Libyans, and thus it could create considerable embarrassment for this country and for the President personally. I hope you will do nothing that would be embarrassing.

He responded by saying to me that he was entitled to his privacy and that I had no right to inject myself into his personal affairs; moreover, he had a right to make a living.

I responded to him by repeating again my basic message, namely that I hoped he would do nothing inappropriate or embarrassing and that I wished to stress that to him quite strongly.

The next day I reported to the President that I had seen an intelligence report, and I summarized to him its contents. I also reported my telephone call to Billy Carter, repeating what I had said to him and his response. The President said that I had done the right thing.

I saw no other intelligence reports before or later mentioning Billy Carter.

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